#### Session 43



# ED Training: Coming Soon to a Desktop near You!

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## **Agenda**

- Why Distance Education?
- Live Online Training
- Self Paced Training
- Your Feedback Appreciated



# Why Distance Education?



## **Training on my desktop?**

Schools told us they needed more Training from ED, closer to home and more convenient to attend.

We listened



# **Why Distance Education?**

- □ Reduces travel costs
- □ Reduces time away from the office
- □ Flexible scheduling You can attend any session at time that fits for you
- □ Provides Hands-on instruction using ED products with a live ED trainer



# **Why Distance Education?**

- □ Free classes
- Easy to register, change, manage
- Safe for your computer
- Won't corrupt your production database
- Excellent for New Staff Training



# Distance Education Available from ED

#### □ Two Types

- Live Online Training
  - FAA Access
  - EDExpress Pell and Direct Loan processing
  - Quality Assurance Software Training
  - And More
- Self Paced
  - FSA Coach
  - EDExpress Basics
  - COD Web Based Training
  - And More



# Live Online Training



## **Live Online Training**

- □ Live training uses:
  - Your computer linked to the Internet
  - Your telephone on a conference call
  - Real Live Trainer
- □ All Participants and Trainers are seeing and hearing the same things



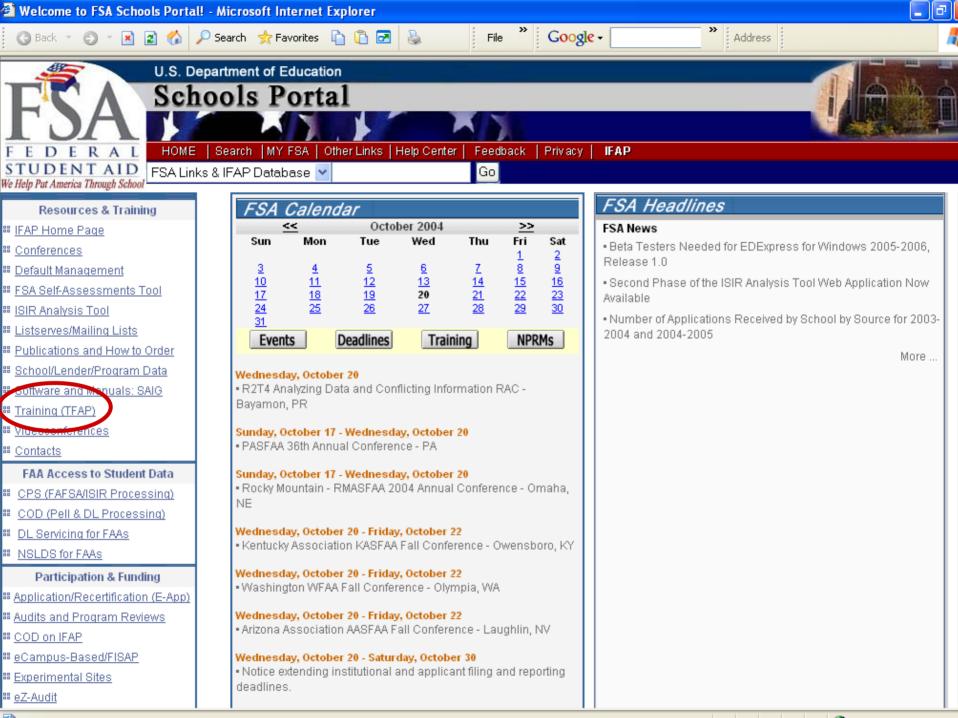
## **Live Online Training**

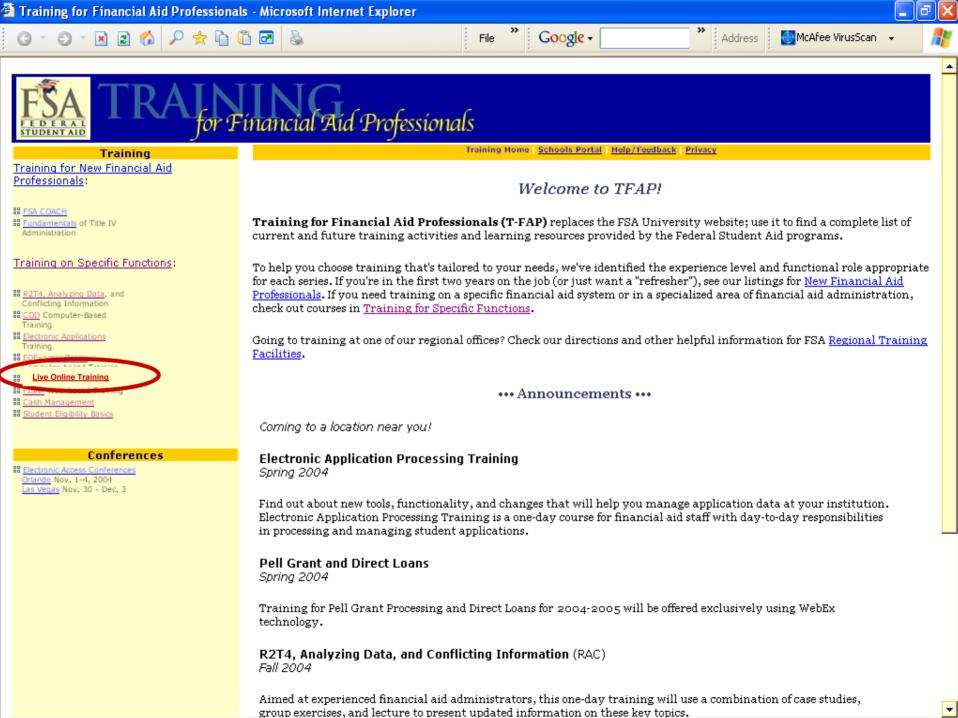
- ☐ Software is now Live Meeting, rather than Webex
- No more than 15 people in a class
- □ Opportunity for attention to your issues



# Registering for Live Online Training

- 1. Open Go to the Schools Portal:
- FSA4Schools/Training/Live Online Training
- 2. Choose the session that fits your schedule
- 3. Click on Register
- 4. Fill in your name, email address, and telephone







By downloading Webex software and running it on your PC, you can view live training on a variety of topics including EDExpress and Direct Loan tools. Users will be able to interact with the instructors and classmates via telephone conference and electronic messages. EDExpress Pell and Direct Loan training for intermediate/advanced users will be provided solely through the Webex classroom this year. New sessions are being added, please check the link below for a complete listing of classes or contact your client account manager to schedule a personalized session Classroom size is limited to ten participants per WebEx session.

Recommended for financial aid office professionals who have day-to-day responsibilities for using EDExpress

#### FISAP Web-based Training

#### Go to Web Site →

Self-paced training on the Web! Explains how to complete the annual **Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP)** for campus-based program funds. Also covers what to watch for, how to determine appropriate funding requests, how to fill out and submit the **FISAP on the Web**, and what happens after it is submitted.

Recommended for financial aid professionals responsible for completing the FISAP.

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#### Title IV Cash Management Life Cycle [1 Day]

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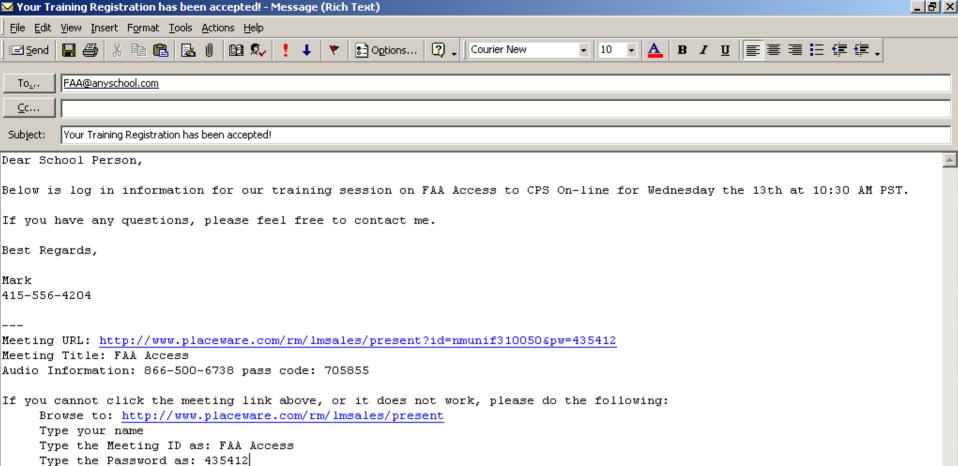


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#### **No Reminders**

- Live Meeting doesn't send automatic reminders on the day of the meeting.
- ☐ Use your calendar to create an automatic reminder.
- ☐ Cut and paste your invitation into the Appointment box to have all your needed links in one place.



# On the Day and Time of Your Session...

- 1. Open the email invitation
- 2. Click on the first link
- 3. Enter your name on the Join Meeting page
- 4. Meeting ID and password are pre-filled
- 5. Click Submit



# Joining the session

Click the meeting link to attend the meeting.

You have been invited to attend a Microsoft Office Live Meeting.

At the time of the meeting, click on the following link to attend. http://www.placeware.com/cc/jcin?id=EMP123&role=attend&pw=H4KC88

Subject: Employee Training

When: Saturday, Nov 15, 2003 7:00 AM (PST)

Scheduled to Occur: Once

Duration: 1 Hour

Audio Information: 555-0187

Click to add to your Outlook calendar:

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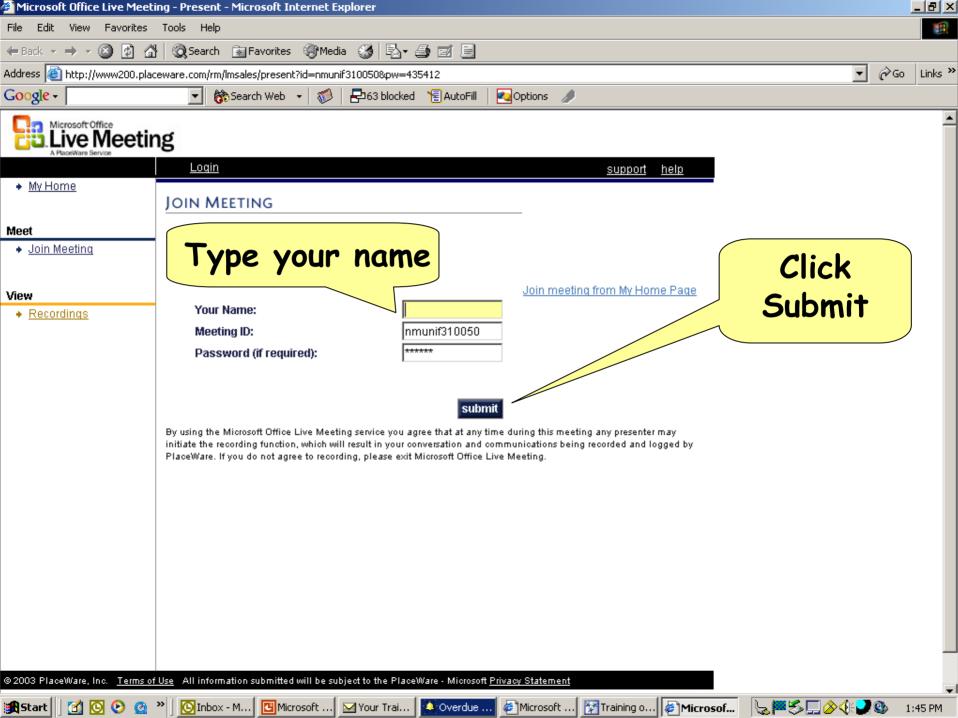
Alternate Attend Instructions:

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Your Name: (enter your name)

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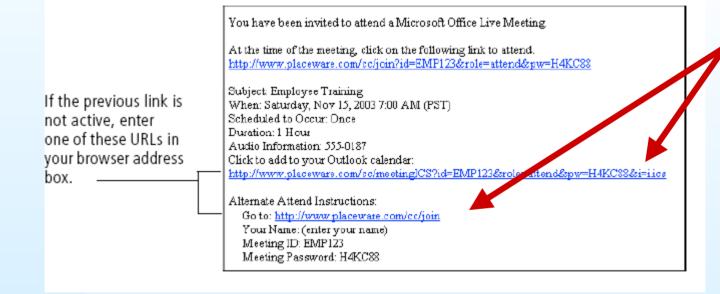


#### Second option to join

- 1. If the first link isn't active, use the second or third link from the invitation.
- 2. Enter the your name and the password/ meeting ID given in the invitation.



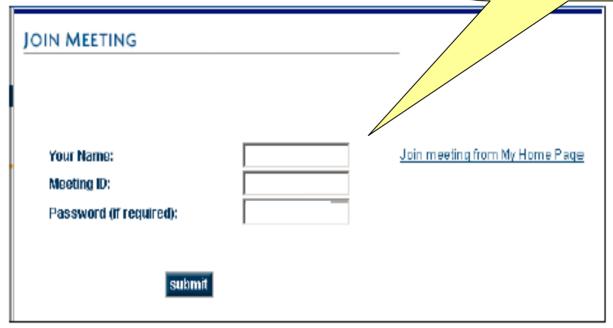
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# Complete to join

Type your name, meeting ID, & password





#### **First Time Considerations**

- 1. You may be asked to choose a console (format for training environment)
  - Windows ActiveX
    - - Console used by some virus builders
    - - Offers wide range of graphic capabilities
  - Java
    - -- Less likely to be a vehicle for viruses
    - - Offers reduced range of graphic capabilities



#### **First Time Considerations**

- 2. Talk with your technical advisor regarding which console to choose
- 3. Click Enter Meeting





#### **First Time Considerations**

- ☐ If your computer satisfies all readiness requirements, the console choice will not appear.
- ☐ Instead the meeting console immediately appears.



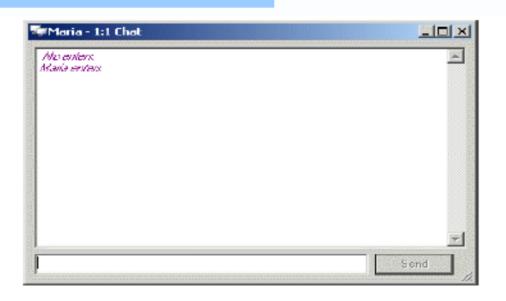
#### **Annotation Features**

- □ Draw
- Write
- Highlight
- Add arrows
- □ Erase
- Select font colors





#### **Chat box**



- 1. Select receiver
- 2. Type message
- 3. Click Send



# Self Paced Training



# Self Paced Distance Education Products from ED

- □ FISAP Computer Based Training (CBT) -Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate
- EDExpress Basics CBT Tutorial of all basic EDExpress modules (Global, Application, Pell, Direct Loan, Packaging)
- □ FSA Coach CBT Basic Policy training
  - Now for Foreign Schools too!
- COD CBT– Hands-on for all functions of COD



# Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP)

- ☐ How to complete the annual FISAP for campus-based funds
- ☐ How to determine appropriate funding requests
- ☐ How to fill out and submit the FISAP on the Web
- What happens after submission

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Resource: The Blue Book (PDF) is a comprehensive guide to accounting, recordkeeping, and reporting procedures in the Federal Student Aid Programs, tailored to the needs of the business office at your school.

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#### Training at FSA Conferences

#### Register Now

Hands-on computer training for FAA Access to CPS and other specific functions are offered as a part of the Electronic Access Conferences (held in the fall) and the Spring Conference. These conferences also have general and breakout sessions on program requirements and how to use FSA Web sites and software. Go to the Conferences registration Web site for the agenda, schedule of sessions, and other details.







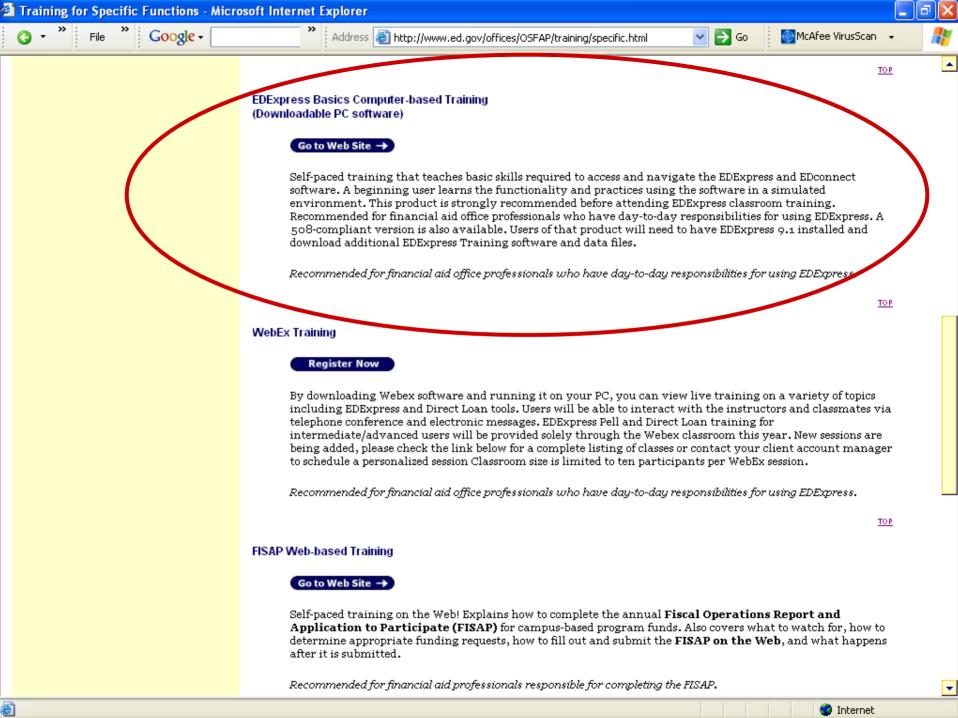






#### **EDExpress Basics CBT**

- □ EDExpress and Edconnect
- □ Select the module (Global, Application, Pell, Direct Loan, Packaging)
- ☐ Hands-on practice in a simulated environment
- Install EDExpress 9.1
- □ Download additional EDExpress Training software and data files
- □ 508-compliant version available



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#### **FSA Coach**

- ☐ Comprehensive, introductory course on school requirements for administering the Federal Student Aid programs
- 36 lessons can be completed individually
- ☐ Tailor the training to your specific needs.
- Strongly recommended as pre-requisite for "Fundamentals of Title IV" training



# **FSA COACH for Foreign Schools**

- □ Requirements for administering FFEL loans used by U.S. students at participating foreign schools
- 2004-2005 award year
- 23 lessons can be completed individually



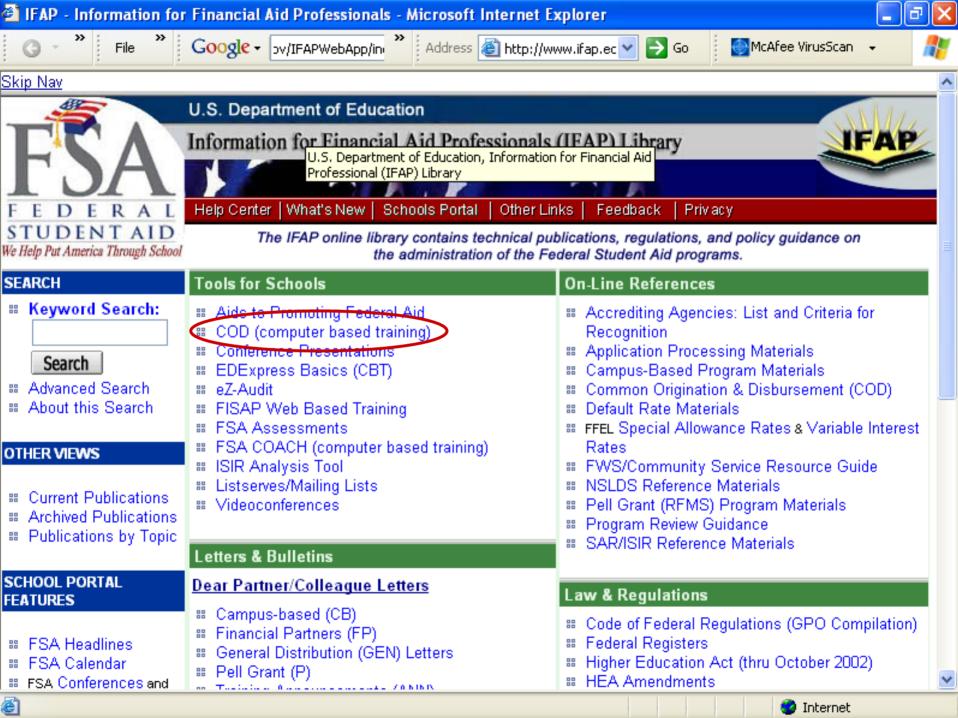






# Common Origination and Disbursement CBT

- Eight sessions
- Simulates COD web screens and functions
- Provides practice creating/ retrieving info
- Feedback to help the learner
- Fictitious data for over 600 persons/ 20 schools
- Recommended for business officers and Pell or Direct Loan Managers



Self-paced training in eight sessions that will guide you through each area of the COD system. It simulates the COD web screens and functions. Explores the basic navigation and functions of the COD website and provides practice creating and retrieving information with feedback to help the learner. The program uses fictitious data for over 600 persons and 20 schools that offer a wide range of scenarios.

The program requires a Windows 98 or higher operating system with an ODBC driver for Microsoft Access 2000. Your screen resolution should be set to 1024 x 768 or higher.

Recommended for business officers and those who work with the Pell or Direct Loan Programs.

#### Electronic Applications Training

The Electronic Applications training is a classroom-based, instructor-led, hands-on course covering the following subjects:

- 1. FAA Access on the Web, including accessing, making corrections and verification data processing
- 2. ISIR Datamart, access, reporting, queries and best practices
- 3. Business process improvement, how you can take advantage of the new electronic products
- 4. Changes to EDExpress

NOTE: This is not an EDExpress specific course. We strongly encourage ALL school staff with responsibility for entering student eligibility data to attend this course. The course is intended for intermediate to advanced users of all the Department's electronic products. Users should be familiar with the Title IV regulations governing the awarding and disbursement of Student Aid. We encourage all students to visit our Web Based EDEXpress Basics course to ensure they are prepared for the classroom training.

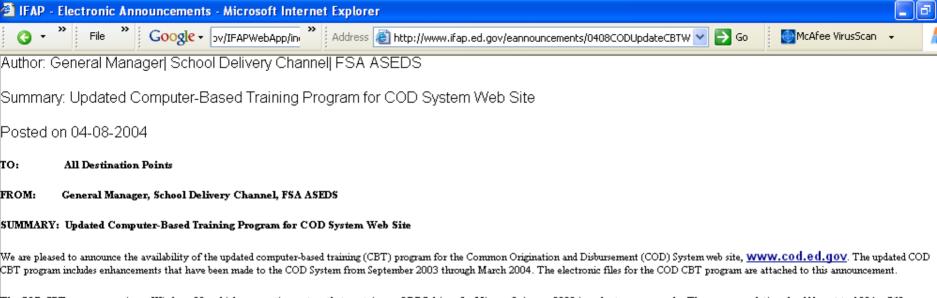
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EDExpress Basics Computer-based Training (Downloadable PC software)



Self-paced training that teaches basic skills required to access and navigate the EDExpress and EDconnect software. A beginning user learns the functionality and practices using the software in a simulated



The COD CBT program requires a Windows 98 or higher operating system that contains an ODBC driver for Microsoft Access 2000 in order to run properly. The screen resolution should be set to 1024 x 768 or

hisher for optimum viewing. A complete description of the system requirements for the COD CBT program is included in the attached instruction guide.

The COD CBT program simulates the COD System web screens and functionality available to a School Administrator. In the updated COD CBT program, there are eight lessons with text to guide you through each area of the COD System. You can explore basic navigation and functions of the COD web site and practice locating and creating information in a safe environment with tips to assist you. The COD CBT program uses fictitious data for over six hundred (600) persons and twenty (20) schools that offer a wide range of conditions you may experience at your institution.

If you have any questions about the COD CBT program, contact the COD School Relations Center at 800/848-0978 for Direct Loan or 800/4PGRANT for Pell Grant. You may also email COD Support@acsnc.com. Please include "COD CBT Comments" in the subject line.

Attachments/Enclosures:

Instructions for Using the COD Web Simulation Training Program in Microsoft Word Format, 54KB, 3 Pages

Instructions fo<del>r Downloading COD Web Sim</del>ulation Computer-Based Training Program in Microsoft Word Format, 33KB, 2 Pages

CBT in Executable Zipped Format, Size 5.34MB

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#### Welcome

to the COD system simulation training program.

This program will lead you through the process of using the COD web site to locate, create, and update records for Pell grants and Direct loans. The simulation contains sample data for over six hundred students and twenty schools. All data is fictitious and created to show a wide range of student conditions and school levels.

The program is divided into lessons that walk you through performing tasks in the COD system. Follow the lesson text which will be displayed at the top of the window. After each lesson there is a practice section where you may test your skill in performing these functions. The Open Format section allows you to explore the system as a School Administrator of a full participant school.

The simulation date is March 15, 2004.

Click on the Menu button to begin. If the Menu button is not visible, exit the program and set the Display Settings on your computer to 1024 x 768.



# Your Feedback Appreciated

We appreciate your feedback and comments. We can be reached at:

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